



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL COUNSELORS

SCHOOL COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR (SCOY)

INFORMATION SHEET

Each spring, special individuals in the field of school counseling that have contributed to our profession are nominated as the CASC School Counselor of the Year (SCOY). Recognitions highlight the achievements, leadership, and accomplishments of our dedicated and hard-working colleagues. Awards are presented at the CASC Annual Conference.

Recognition of one's exceptional work by their peers is a distinguished honor for any individual to receive. CASC officially acknowledges the outstanding work of school counselors through the Donald G. Hays School Counselor of the Year Award.

QUALIFICATIONS	SELECTION CRITERIA
<p>The CASC SCOY provides exemplary services to children, partners, and the profession of school counseling. The nominee must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a master's degree in school counseling and a Pupil Personnel Services Credential. • Be a full time practicing school counselor for a minimum of three years. • Be a CASC professional member. • Be an ASCA professional member. • Be an integral and valued member of the school's team. • Demonstrate school counseling leadership and advocacy in your school, district, and state for the school counseling profession. • Demonstrate continued professional growth and personal development. • Demonstrate exceptional effort in implementing a data-driven comprehensive, standards-based, developmental school counseling program within the nominee's school across the three counseling domains: academic, social/emotional, and college/career. 	<p>The applicant must demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of implementation of a comprehensive, data-driven school counseling program. • Responsibility for school counseling innovations or program development supporting students' career, social emotional, and academic development. • Continuing leadership and collaboration in their work and promoting equity and access to opportunities and rigorous educational experiences for all students. • Ongoing collaboration with partners. • Continual professional development and advocacy for the school counseling profession. • Ability and skills to represent the school counseling profession in a professional manner. • High standards of personal and professional conduct in their community as well as the school counseling community and their broader professional community.

The CASC SCOY will be put forth as the ASCA SCOY nominee and must be willing to submit the national application for the ASCA SCOY. A requirement for the ASCA SCOY is recognition at the state level. Additionally, the CASC SCOY will be an ex officio board member of CASC from October 2024 through December 31, 2025.